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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN ATTENDANCE AT UNGA

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(SBU) Following is Post's information on attendance of South African Government (SAG) officials at the 63rd UN General Assembly General Debate. The SAG has not finalized its delegation list, but Department of Foreign Affairs staff told Post that they expect the President, Foreign Minister, the Deputy Foreign Minister, the President's Legal Advisor, and at least one DFA Deputy Director General (A/S equivalent) to attend.

1A. Attendance of Head of State

-- Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa

-- No information on arrival or departure dates, although we believe it is likely that President Mbeki would attend the High-Level meeting on NEPAD September 22.

-- Not certain if Mrs. Mbeki will travel with President.

-- No interpretation required in meetings.

1B. Attendance of Head of Government

-- President Mbeki serves as both Head of Government and Head of State

1C. Attendance of Foreign Minister

-- Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

-- No information on arrival or departure dates. DFA expects ForMin to stay in New York for approximately two weeks

-- Not married.

-- No interpretation required in meetings.

1D. Attendance of other host country VIPs: Unknown.

1E. Attendance of Foreign Ministry Official responsible for IO affairs or official who is regular interlocutor of A/S Frazer

-- Likely that Ambassador S. George Nene, DFA Deputy Director General: Multilateral Affairs (IO A/S equivalent), will attend UNGA. No information on arrival or departure dates. No interpretation required.

-- Likely that Aziz Pahad, Deputy Foreign Minister, will attend UNGA. No information on arrival or departure dates. No interpretation required.

-- Likely that Advocate Mojanku Gumbi, Legal Advisor to the President, will attend UNGA. No information on arrival or departure dates. No interpretation required.
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